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1. Large quantities of copper wire are being received by the Soviet-administered Siemens-Schuckert Kabelfabrik in Siemensstrasse, Vienna XXI. The wire, which comes from Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia under compensation terms, is used in the manufacture of light cables and electric lines, as well as in the production of enameled wire for electric motors.

2. During the month of December, the Siemens cable factory received 650 tons of aluminum and 650 tons of lead from Yugoslavia, in return for which USIA sent Yugoslavia an unreported quantity of various machines from the Soviet-controlled Siemens plants. The raw materials are being used to manufacture underground cable, or so-called "Papierbleikabel". [redacted] Comment: About 2000 kilometers of cable can be produced from this material, providing the Soviet-controlled Siemens cable factory continues present production. Production has consisted of 3-conductor and 4-conductor cable, ranging from 1.5 to 10 square millimeters of cross-sectional area.) 25X1

3. Source learned that the November production of integral horsepower motors in the two Soviet-controlled Siemens plants in Vienna XXI fell off to only 200 motors. This is approximately one-fifth of the average monthly production of such motors by these plants. According to observers on the spot, the production decrease is due partly to shortage of raw materials and partly to the ineptitude of Engr. Jaeger, newly appointed supervisor of raw material.

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